

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 3, with the following rewritten paragraph:

This application is a national stage entry under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of PCT/IB2004/000899, filed March 25, 2004, which claims priority to United States Provisional Application No. 60/458,167 filed on March 27, 2003 entitled MODULATION OF CELL DEATH the disclosure of which is incorporated by reference herein.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 39, line 15, with the following rewritten paragraph:

An oxidative stressor, 1 mM H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (Sigma, St. Louis, MO), was then added to each well. Supernatant Supernatant samples were collected from the wells before addition of the 1 mM H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, and after 2, 4, 6, and 12 hours of exposure. The supernatant samples were stored at -20°C until analyzed. The levels of IL-6 were then analyzed in each of the samples using test kits from Biosource Intl. (Camarillo, CA). A control experiment established that pyridoxal-5'-phosphate did not interfere with the IL-6 detection systems of the test kits (data not shown).